

Low Strung

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"A Word from Our Sponsors"

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INT. - Apartment - Night

VIC, RUTH, and SHERVIN
in VIC's apartment sitting on the couch
and watching TV.

RUTH
(scrolling through phone)
Vic were you drunk this weekend?

VIC
Mmm... maybe? Why?

RUTH
On my #squadgoals pic you commented "firing squad."

SHERV
Ha!

VIC
Yeah... that word isn't for you.

SHERV
Yeah you also just texted me "Matt Damon."

VIC
Ugh, yeah. I was watching Interstellar. It's too much.

RUTH
Ooh shh, get in formation. I love this commercial, it's totally
extra.

VIC
Again, not for you.

RUTH
(shrugs)

Camera pans to TV and commercials
which fills screen.

"LINCOLN COLLEGE"

Scene opens on college campus
with students mingling about.
VIC and SHERV are sitting on a
bench looking at a book.

B Roll of college campus

NARRATOR

Is it time to change your life for the better? Do you want to enrich
yourself and your career? Then it's time to make a move to Lincoln
College.

Camera pans across campus
and slowly starts to zoom in
on VIC and SHERV

Close up of RUTH giving
a testimonial in a library
of her Lincoln College experience.

Camera slowly zooms past her face
to Vic and Shervin studying.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL (RUTH)

I was able to complete my degree while being a working mom. Now
that's what I call flexibility. Without a schedule like that, I never
would have been able to fulfill my dream of getting an MFA in
Artificial Insemination. And for only \$200,000!

Classroom setting with
narration.

Camera pans across classroom
and pans back to SHERV's desk,
zooms in on him slowly.

SHERV looks at camera,
tries to hide behind book.

NARRATOR

Here at Lincoln College, our diverse student body allows for a
well-rounded and worldly education. Opening doors to new cultures and
new perspectives.

Students hanging out
on "the quad"

Camera zooms in on SHERV
reading a book. He notices and
slowly stands up and runs away
Frightened.

NARRATOR

Isn't it time to jump start your life? Our diverse and urban student
body is waiting to welcome you to the Lincoln Family. Apply today.

URL appears on screen
LincolnCollegeWeHaveBlackKids.edu

"LIFE ALERT"

NARRATOR

When you've fallen into a food coma...

Cut to VIC laying on the
Floor in a frenzy, surrounded
By McDonald's and Chipotle bags

VIC

I did too much. I ate too much.

NARRATOR

...and you can't get up.

VIC

Heeeelp!

NARRATOR

Life Alert is there to help.

VIC presses button on her Life

Alert. SHERVIN arrives shortly
After, rushing through the door.

SHERVIN

It happened again?! It's okay, I got this.

SHERVIN shoves his fingers down
VIC's throat until she throws
Up.

SHERVIN

Better?

VIC

Much better!

SHERVIN and VIC both turn to
The camera.

SHERVIN & VIC

Thanks Life Alert!

"CADBURY EGGS"

BUNNY

Hi! I'm the new Cadbury Egg bun! Easter isn't Easter without Cadbury Eggs. But I don't have to tell you that. Because you love Cadbury Eggs, and you know that you can't get your hands on one of these sugar cream filled babies any other time of year. And that bothers you, doesn't it? The fact that our dumpster fire of a capitalist society gets to determine when you can and cannot have certain foods based on religious holidays that have been thrust into the arms of Hallmark so they can profit off of chocolate diabetes eggs.

...Like these!

"ANDROID"

Scene opens on RUTH, SHERV,

AND VIC in a bright setting
Maybe in a nice kitchen. Ruth
Is showing off her new phone

RUTH

Guys, check out my awesome new Androi-

SHERVIN

Oh my God, is this the new shatter-proof phone?

SHERVIN snatches the phone from
RUTH's hands and spikes it at the
Floor. The screen cracks

RUTH

No, it's the...

VIC

Oh! It's the waterproof one

VIC grabs the phone and drops
It in a sink full of water. It
Short-circuits, sparks fly.

RUTH

No it's a regular phone... without insurance

SHERVIN

Ugh, your phone sucks

VIC

Yeah, your phone sucks, Ruth

Sparks fly from sink

ANDROID LOGO

Tagline: "Your phone sucks, Ruth"

"The Anti-Depressant Depressant"

Scene opens on VIC and SHERVIN
Happily walking through a park

RUTH

Not feeling like yourself?

VIC and SHERVIN share an ice cream
Cone.

RUTH

Almost like you're a little too stable?

RUTH

Are you feeling pleasant? So pleasant that you should probably take
it down a notch?

VIC and SHERVIN share meaningful
Looks.

Cut to SHERVIN and VIC downing
A bottle of pills and crying together
In a dimly lit room.

RUTH

Return to your natural state of anxiety and depression with the
anti-depressant depressant. Side effects may include dizziness, upset
stomach, loss of appetite, increased appetite, falling asleep during
activities of daily living, bleeding from the eyes.

SHERVIN

Your bootyhole will collapse

RUTH

Suicidal thoughts

SHERVIN

Your bootyhole will prolapse

RUTH

Never being able to love again

SHERVIN
Bootyhole leakage

RUTH
Dry mouth

SHERVIN
Dry bootyhole

RUTH
So get back to not living your life. Because happiness is a lie.

"Travel Indiana"

The scene opens in a car
with SHERVIN driving and VIC
In the passenger seat smiling
And having a good time.

(Would be great if we can get a 'Welcome to Indiana' shot).

Their smiles and enthusiasm start to simmer
As they continue driving.

Woman walking aimlessly and sadly down the road on her lonesome.

Shots of white men from the POV of the car
staring menacingly into the car with shots
Of confederate flags in between.

Another shot shows a woman staring at the sun.

If plausible: They pull up to an old gas station with a sign
that says "We Serve HOOSIERS only!"

If not: As we reach a stop sign. There's a man in the street
holding a sign that says "Hoosiers" only.

Vic & Shervin's faces of worry quickly flash. Then suddenly out of nowhere next to the car is someone with a basket of Indiana products, corn, popcorn, etc.

Scene cuts to scenic landscape view of Indiana (fields?), and the "Visit Indiana" logo appears on screen.

ARMS OF THE ANGELS

Black and white sad footage of millennials looking at their computers and crying. Occasionally pan to computer screen with large amounts of debt. Sarah McLachlan song.

NARRATOR(Soju, the drag queen)

Everyday, graduates across the country are suffering. They suffer mental and emotional despair, hopelessness, and desperation. Day by day, they lose hope, lose heart, lose faith.

Hi, I'm Soju. Student debt affects nearly 40 million Americans. I know that problem seems insurmountable, but you can help. For the price of just 150 cups of coffee a day, you can make a difference in the life of a millennial.

VIC sitting on her couch trying to watch Netflix but she hasn't paid her bill.

This is Victoria. She suffers from debilitating student debt. This year she was unable to afford her annual girls trip to NashVegas. Unfortunately, this made her Instagram way less lit AF than her friends.

So pick up the phone. Donation plans start at \$300 a day. Won't you please give?

Hey can I get your Netflix password?

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